North Dakota Stockmen's Association Testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee on SB 2230 Jan. 28, 2021

Good morning, Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture

Committee. For the record, my name is Julie Ellingson and I represent the North

Dakota Stockmen's Association, a 91-year-old beef cattle trade organization

representing approximately 3,000 North Dakota cattle-ranching families.

The Stockmen's Association stands in support of SB 2230, which would expand BND's loan guarantee program. In our view, the expansion could provide additional support for value-added agriculture projects in our state, including those in the livestock sector, as well as additional opportunities and value for our state's farmers, ranchers and economy.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 2230 and the chance to appear before you this morning.